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SUBJECT: ERICSSON PRIZE NOMINEE DR. HAROLD A. ROSEN.

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DEPARTMENT HAS DISCUSSED ROSEN'S CONTRIBUTIONS WITH
KNOWLEDGEABLE INDIVIDUALS IN USG AND ALSO WITH HIGHLY
RESPECTED SOURCE WITHIN HUGHES ORGANIZATION. ALL
CONVERSATIONS WERE DISCREET AND ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS.
FYI DESPITE DR. STERKY PREFERENCE THAT HUGHES NOT BE
APPROACHED, DEPARTMENT BELIEVED THAT DISCUSSION OF
ROSEN'S CONTRIBUTIONS HAD TO BE EXPLORED WITH HUGHES.
THIS WAS DONE ON UNDERSTANDING THAT VIEWS BEING
EXPRESSED AND ENTIRE CONVERSATION WAS TO BE HELD
IN CONFIDENCE BY HUGHES REPRESENTATIVE. END FYI

IN ALL CONVERSATIONS DEPARTMENT OFFICER INDICATED ONLY
THAT ERICSSON COMMITTEE PRACTICE IS ONE OF EXTREMELY
CAREFUL SCREENING OF NOMINEES, AND THAT THROUGH OUR
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STOCKHOLM EMBASSY IT HAD ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL

INFORMATION CONCERNING DR. ROSEN.

THE THREE INDIVIDUALS WITH WHOM CONVERSATIONS WERE HELD ALL STATED THAT DR. ROSEN WAS VIEWED BY SCIENTIFIC AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMUNITY AS "FATHER" OF GEOSTATIONARY SATELLITE. IT WAS STATED THAT ROSEN'S CONTRIBUTION WAS "SINGULAR" AND CLEARLY FAR BEYOND THAT OF ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GEOSTATIONARY SATELLITE. THE VIEW ALSO WAS EXPRESSED BY ALL THREE INDIVIDUALS QUERIED THAT NO RESPONSIBLE INFORMED PERSON WOULD DISAGREE WITH ANY PUBLIC RECOGNITION OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ROSEN'S UNIQUE AND OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION.

DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT ABOVE PARAGRAPHS ANSWER BASIC QUESTIONS RAISED IN TELEPHONE CONVERSATION. SHOULD ERICSSON PRIZE COMMITTEE REQUIRE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, DEPARTMENT WOULD BE PLEASED TO COOPERATE. KISSINGER

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